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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 774 Press / Mis.__

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Dated 4 — 8 — 1874.

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No. 50. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. W. RIDEOUT, President, Madras Dramatic Society, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 18th April 1874 :—

Adverting to the Order of Government declining the request contained in the 2nd clause of letter of 9th ultimo from the Honorary Secretary, Madras Dramatic Society, I am desired to explain that it was never the intention of the Committee to question the absolute authority of Government in the disposal of the College Hall. The request was merely that the Society should continue to occupy the position it has had the privilege of enjoying for many years, and that, as the custodians of the Hall, and responsible to Government for its care, the Committee should have authority to reject or comply with all applications for the use of the Hall when unaccompanied by any Government instructions, and that, in the case of a Government sanction, the order should be communicated for the information of the Committee.

Fin. Dept., No. 493, 24th March 1874.

2. Some such rule appears absolutely necessary for the protection both of the Government and the Society's property within the Hall and in the Theatre.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1874, No. 774.

The Governor in Council accepts the proposition contained in this letter, which it is observed differs materially from that made in the letter dated the 9th March 1874.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Committee of the Madras Dramatic Society.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

THE COMMITTEE OF THE MADRAS
DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 4th.

Read.

G. O., 4th May 1874, No. 774.

MAY.
Nos. 50-51.

College Hall.—Letter from the President of the Dramatic Society proposing certain conditions for the use of this Hall by the public, stating that it was never the intention of the Committee to question the authority of Government in the disposal of the building, accepted.

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June 5th 1845.

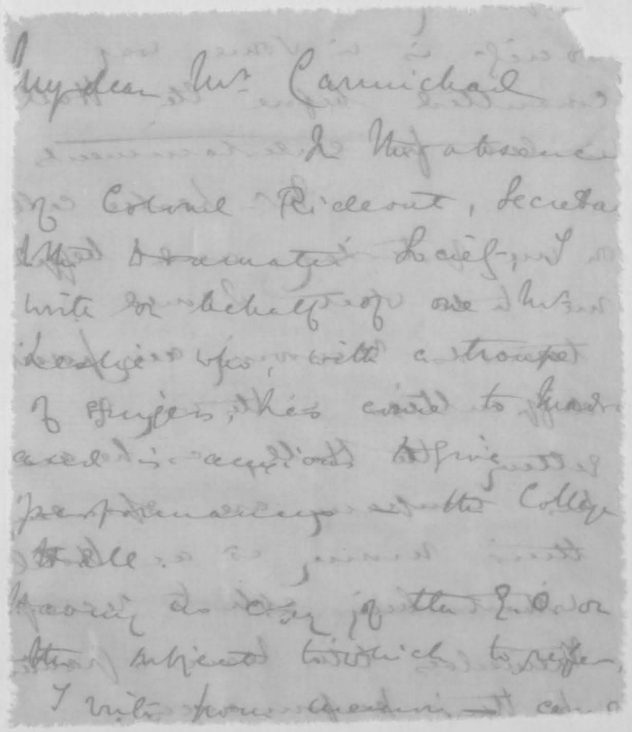
To the Hon. D. F. Carmichael
Chief Secretary to the Govt of Madras

Sir I have the honor to address you in order to ask your permission for the use of the College Hall Madras. for the purpose of giving a short series of our Entertainments therein. I may mention that since I relinquished my duties as Secretary to the Amateur Dramatic Society informed me that there would be no objection to my having the use of the place. I found upon my arrival here that Col Ridout is absent on leave & I therefore called upon Captain Hallett whom while

assuring me that he did not think you would have any objection, has directed me to write to you for your permission. I would therefore respectfully solicit your favorable consideration. & beg to sign myself your most
humble Servant.

J. H. Leslie

The Orpheum & Oriental Company



believe I am correct in supposing that the Dramatic Society is in some way consulted before the Hall is let for entertainments.

Mr Leslie called on me yesterday, and begged me to do what I could towards removing any possible difficulties in the way of getting the Hall, as he and his company are spending their money as at Hotel without being able to recoup themselves till leaving & further for their performances.

I believe Mr Leslie is writing to Government today for permission to use the Hall, and so far as the Dramatic Society is concerned there is no objection to his having it.

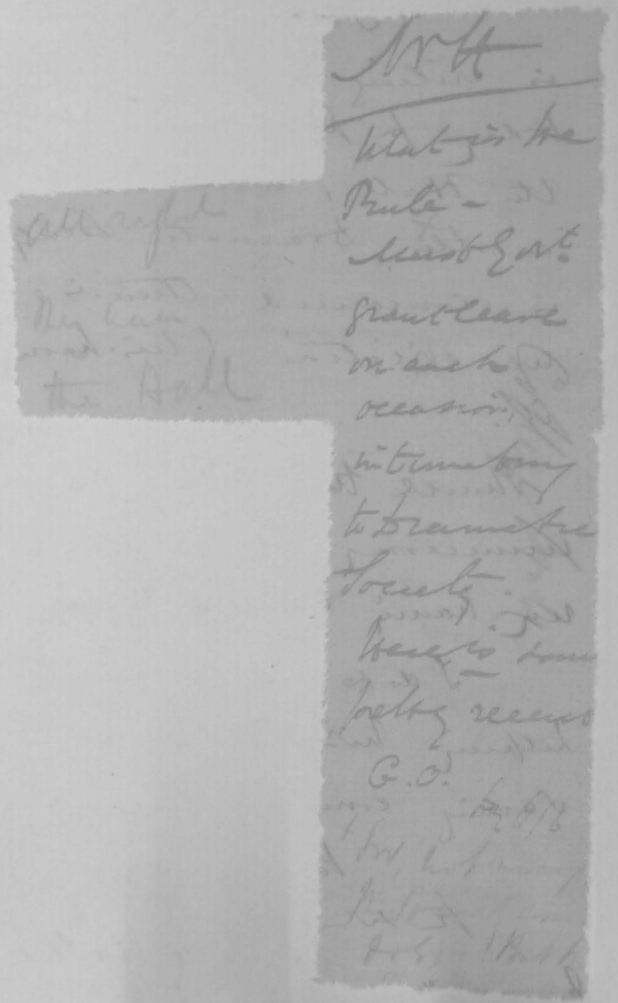
Should this letter be unnecessary please excuse my having troubled you.

I do so like to be able to help Mr Leslie and save correspondence

Believe me

Yours very truly
J. M. Hallett

June 5th



Financial Department,

No. 904

From The President of the Dramatic Society

Dated 8 April 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

I think he may accept
this proposition as now explained
which differs materially
from the former one. Sidney
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Madras 18th April 1874.

The Hon'ble D. F. Carmichael,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

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Financial Dept
No 493.
24 March 1874.

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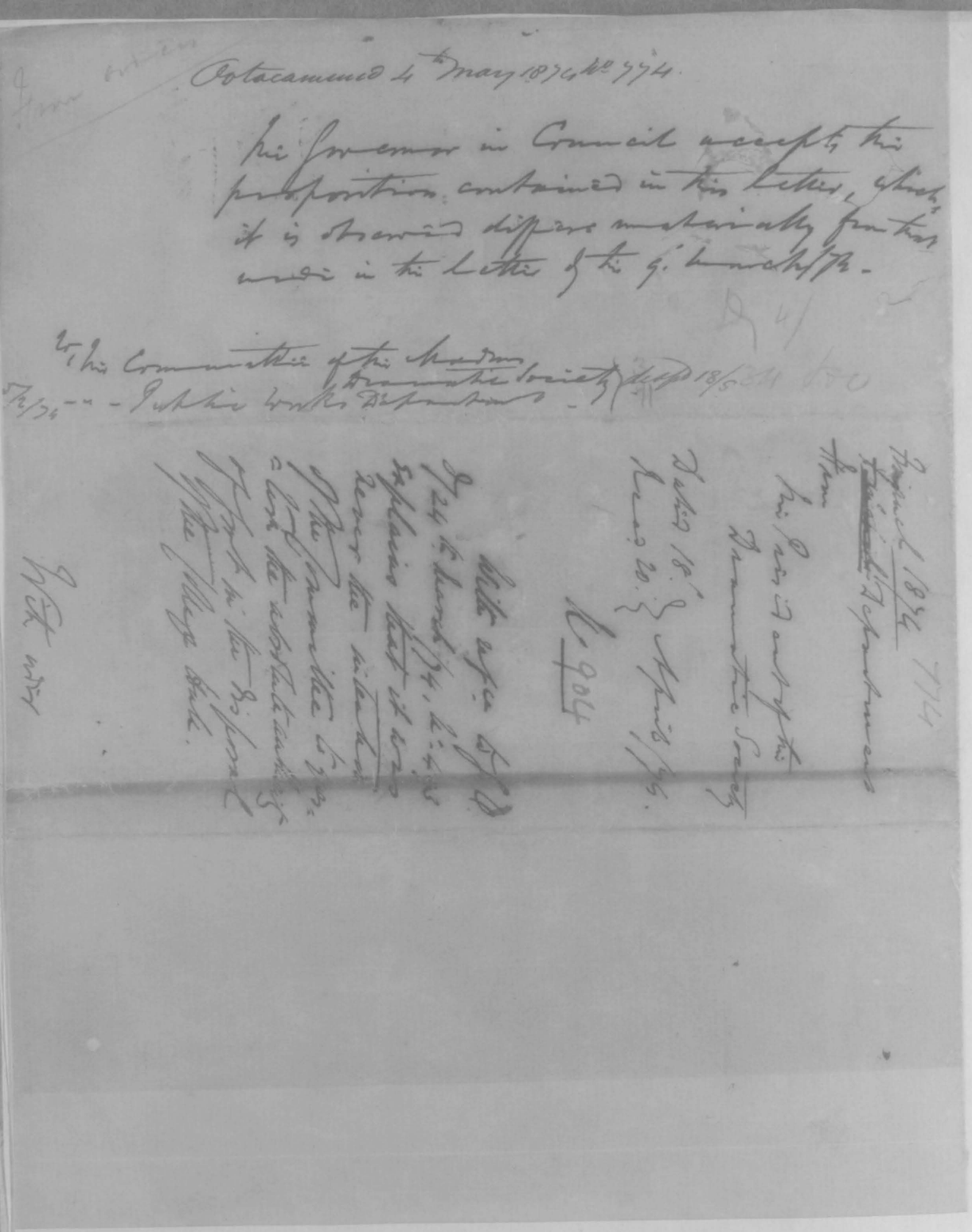
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant.

[signature]
President.
Madras Dramatic Society.

Octacamund 4th May 1874 No 774.

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To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris
Dramatic Society
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To
The Comtee of the Madras
Dramatic Society
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G.O. May 4, 1874, No. 774.

Nos. 56. 57.

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